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# AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL

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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS TASK FORCE  
AND FEDERAL RELATIONS WORKING GROUP**

**FROM: KARLA JONES, TASK FORCE DIRECTOR**

**DATE: October 28, 2010**

**RE: 35 DAY MAILING—2010 STATES AND NATION POLICY SUMMIT**

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The American Legislative Exchange Council will host its 2010 States and Nation Policy Summit **December 1 - 3** at the **Grand Hyatt Washington in Washington, DC**. The **International Relations Task Force and Federal Relations Working Group** will meet from **2:30pm to 5:30pm on Friday, December 3**.

**To that end, I've enclosed the following:**

- Annual Meeting Agenda-at-a-Glance
- Registration and Housing Form for Attendees
- Registration and Housing Form for Spouse/Kids
- Scholarship Policies by Meeting
- Task Force Meeting ***Tentative*** Agenda
- Minutes from the Previous Task Force Meetings
- Drafts of Resolutions to Be Introduced
- ALEC Mission Statement
- ALEC Task Force Operating Procedures
- Other Items of Interest

I have also included background articles on two of the proposed resolutions. Two of the articles reference the resolution supporting review of Argentina's status as a recipient of Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) benefits.

[..\Resolution Background\Heritage Argentina Backgrounder - 8.08.pdf](#)

[..\Resolution Background\Heritage Cronyism Undermining Economic Freedom.pdf](#)

The next two pieces reference the resolution opposing the use of U.S. government aid money to fund initiatives that promote hatred of the West.

[..\Resolution Background\TPA on Taxpayer Money Funding Hate Education.pdf](#)

[..\Resolution Background\TaxPayers Alliance Doc on Palestinian Hate Education.pdf](#)

I have also included H.R. 5903 which is the federal bill on which Representative Culberson's resolution to restore state sovereignty and dedicate excess grant funds to deficit reduction is based.

..\Draft Resolutions\H R 5903.pdf

I look forward to seeing all of you next month, and if you have any questions or need anything further, do not hesitate to contact me at 202-742-8518 or by e-mail at [kjones@alec.org](mailto:kjones@alec.org).

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## 2010 States & Nation Policy Summit Agenda\*

<b>Tuesday, November 30th</b>		
Joint Board of Directors Meetings	8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.	Farragut/Lafayette
Registration	12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Independence Foyer
ALEC Joint Board Reception and Dinner	6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.	Off-site
<b>Wednesday, December 1st</b>		
Registration	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Independence Foyer
Task Force Subcommittee Meetings	8:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	
Exhibit Hall	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Independence Foyer
State Chairs Meeting	9:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	Willson/Roosevelt
New Legislator Orientation	10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Franklin Square
<b>Opening Plenary Luncheon</b>	<b>12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.</b>	Independence A
Task Force Chairs Meeting	2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	Franklin Square
Workshop I: Comparative Effectiveness	2:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	Farragut/Lafayette
Research: Rationing Care or Improving Quality?		
Workshop II: Higher Education	3:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Farragut/Lafayette
National Chairman's Reception, <i>by invitation only</i>	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Independence IH
Hospitality Suite	9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Congressional Parlor
<b>Thursday, December 2nd</b>		
Registration	7:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Independence Foyer
<b>Plenary Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.</b>	Independence A
Exhibit Hall	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Independence Foyer
Workshop III: Show Me the Money: Budget Transparency in the States	9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Farragut Square
Workshop IV: Delivering Justice to Rape Victims while Minimizing Taxpayer Cost	9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Lafayette Park
Workshop V: Cutting Crime and Budgets: The National Movement	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Farragut Square
Workshop VI: EPA's Regulatory Assault: Higher Prices, Fewer Jobs, and Less Energy	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Lafayette Park
<b>Plenary Luncheon</b>	<b>12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.</b>	Independence A
Task Force Meetings	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	
• Energy, Environment, and Agriculture		Farragut/Lafayette
• Health and Human Services		Independence CDE
• Public Safety and Elections		Independence FG
• Tax and Fiscal Policy		Independence IH
Gala Holiday Reception	6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Constitution AB
Hospitality Suite	9:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.	Congressional Parlor

<b>Friday, December 3rd</b>		
Registration	7:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Independence Foyer
<b>Plenary Breakfast</b>	<b>8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.</b>	Independence A
Exhibit Hall	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Independence Foyer
Workshop VII: Federalism I	9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Farragut Square
Workshop VIII: Overcriminalization	9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	Lafayette Park
Workshop IX: A Tax in Sheep's Clothing: How Extended Producer Responsibility Mandates Can Hurt Consumers and Business	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Farragut Square
Workshop X: Federalism II	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Lafayette Park
<b>Plenary Luncheon</b>	<b>12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.</b>	Independence A
Task Force Meetings	2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.	
• Civil Justice		Farragut/Lafayette
• Commerce, Insurance and Economic Development		Independence GHI
• Education		Independence CDE
• Telecommunications and Information Technology		Constitution A
• International Relations		Constitution B
Louisiana Preview Reception for 2011	5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	Franklin Square
Annual Meeting		
State Delegation Night	Beginning at 6:30 p.m.	See Your State Chair

\* Agenda subject to change.

# ATTENDEE

## REGISTRATION / HOUSING FORM

AMERICAN LEGISLATIVE EXCHANGE COUNCIL **ALEC**

**Early registration deadline: November 10, 2010**  
**Housing cut-off date: November 04, 2010**

### Grand Hyatt Washington Hotel 1000 H Street, NW Washington, DC 20001

December 1-3, 2010



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## ATTENDEE INFORMATION

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 Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Nickname \_\_\_\_\_  
 Title \_\_\_\_\_  
 Organization (required) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suite # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (confirmation will be sent by email) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse / Guest: If registering a spouse or guest, please complete the spouse/guest registration form.

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

**\*\*Save \$50 on registration by booking your hotel room in ALEC's headquarter hotel\*\***

**DISCOUNTED REGISTRATION FEES** are extended only to registrants booking ALEC's headquarter hotel. Your \$50 savings will become valid when accommodations are confirmed.

**Note: Member fees are subject to verification**

- I have already registered # \_\_\_\_\_
- ALEC Legislative Member
- Legislator / Non-Member
- Newly Elected Legislator (2010 Election Cycle)
- ALEC Private Sector Member
- Private Sector Non-Member
- ALEC Non-Profit Member (501(c)(3) status required)
- Non-Profit Non-Member (501(c)(3) status required)
- Legislative Staff / Government
- ALEC Legacy Member

Promo Code \_\_\_\_\_

Early Until 11/10	On-Site Begin 11/11	Amount
\$ 375	\$ 475	\$ _____
\$ 475	\$ 575	\$ _____
\$ 375	\$ 475	\$ _____
\$ 725	\$ 875	\$ _____
\$ 925	\$ 1100	\$ _____
\$ 525	\$ 625	\$ _____
\$ 675	\$ 825	\$ _____
\$ 400	\$ 500	\$ _____
\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ _____

**TOTAL REGISTRATION FEES: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Note:** Registration forms with enclosed payments must be postmarked by November 10, 2010 to be eligible for early registration rates. Forms and/or payments received after November 10 will be subject to the on-site registration rate. If registering after November 10, please bring completed form and payment to register on-site.

## REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Online registrants will receive immediate email confirmation. If registering by form, confirmation will be emailed, faxed, or mailed within 72 hours of receipt of payment.

## HOUSING

## RESERVATION CUTOFF FOR ALEC DISCOUNTED RATE IS NOVEMBER 4, 2010

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I do not require a reservation at this time.

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sharing room with \_\_\_\_\_

Room type

- Single (1 person – 1 bed) \$ 269
- Double (2 persons – 1 bed) \$ 294
- Dbl/Dbl (2 persons – 2 beds) \$ 294
- Triple (3 persons – 2 beds) \$ 319
- Quad (4 persons – 2 beds) \$ 344
- Government rate Not Available

\* All rates DO NOT include sales tax 14.5 % (subject to change)

Suites and upgraded accommodations are available upon request. Please call ALEC Housing at the number listed above for additional information.

### Special requests

- ADA room required: \_\_\_\_\_ Audio \_\_\_\_\_ Visual \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_
- Rollaway / crib: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### METHOD OF HOUSING PAYMENT

Please use the same method of payment as above.

**Credit Card:** Credit Cards will be used to guarantee the reservation.

Amer Express  Visa  MasterCard  Discover

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Exp Date (mm/yy) \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Checks:** Payment must be in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank. Please make check payable to ALEC and send to above address.

**Note:** Cutoff for reservations at the ALEC rate is November 4, 2010. After November 4, 2010, every effort will be made to accommodate new reservations, based on availability and rate.

## HOUSING CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Online reservations will receive immediate email confirmation. Reservations received by form will be confirmed via email, fax, or mail within 72 hours of receipt.

## HOUSING CANCELLATION / REFUND INFORMATION

Credit cards will be charged one night room and tax in the event of a no show or if cancellation occurs within 72 hours prior to arrival. Departures prior to the departure date confirmed by the hotel at check-in will result in a charge of one night room and tax. Please obtain a cancellation number when your reservation is cancelled.

# SPOUSE / GUEST REGISTRATION / HOUSING FORM

December 1-3, 2010

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## ATTENDEE INFORMATION IS REQUIRED TO REGISTER A SPOUSE OR GUEST

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Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (required) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Suite # \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email (confirmation will be sent by email) \_\_\_\_\_

## SPOUSE / GUEST REGISTRATION

### SPOUSE / GUEST REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

1. Spouse / guest registration is meant to accommodate legal spouse and immediate family members.
2. Attendees from the same organization must register independently. No exception will be made.
3. Spouse / guest designation will be clearly visible on name badge.
4. Spouse / guest registrants are not eligible to attend ALEC Task Force meetings.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial \_\_\_\_\_ Badge Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE / GUEST REGISTRATION FEES	Number of Spouse/Guest(s)	Early Until 11/10	On-Site Begin 11/11	TOTAL
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse / Guest (please note name(s) above)	_____	\$ 150	\$ 150	\$ _____

### METHOD OF SPOUSE / GUEST REGISTRATION PAYMENT

Credit Card: Credit cards will be charged immediately. Please fax to the above number for processing.

<input type="checkbox"/> Amer Express	Card # _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Visa	Cardholder (please print) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard	Exp Date (mm/yy) _____ Security Code _____ Signature _____

Checks: Payment must be in U.S. currency drawn on a U.S. bank. Please make check payable to ALEC Registration and send to above address.

Note: If registering after November 10, please bring completed form and payment to register on-site.

### REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Online registrants will receive immediate email confirmation to the address provided above. If registering by form, confirmation will be emailed, faxed, or mailed within 72 hours of receipt of payment.

### REGISTRATION CANCELLATION / REFUND INFORMATION

Registrations cancelled prior to 5pm Eastern November 10, 2010 are subject to a \$100 cancellation fee. Registrations are non-refundable after 5pm Eastern November 10, 2010.

## SCHOLARSHIP POLICY BY MEETING

### ***ALEC Spring Task Force Summit:***

1. ***Spring Task Force Summit Reimbursement Form:*** ALEC Task Force Members are reimbursed by ALEC up to a predetermined set limit for travel expenses. Receipts must be forwarded to the ALEC Policy Coordinator and approved by the Director of Policy.
2. ALEC Task Force Members' room & tax fees for a two-night stay are covered by ALEC.
3. *Official Alternate Task Force Members* (chosen by the State Chair and whose names are given to ALEC more than 35 days prior to the meeting to serve in place of a Task Force Member who cannot attend) are reimbursed in the same manner as Task Force Members.
4. ***State Scholarship Reimbursement Form:*** Any fees above the set limit, or expenses other than travel and room expenses can be submitted by Task Force Members for payment from their state scholarship account upon the approval of the State Chair. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair, who will submit the signed form to the Director of Membership.
5. *Non-Task Force Members* can be reimbursed out of the state scholarship fund upon State Chair approval. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair, who will submit the appropriate signed form to the Director of Membership.

### ***ALEC Annual Meeting:***

***State Scholarship Reimbursement Form:*** State scholarship funds are available for reimbursement by approval of your ALEC State Chair. Expenses are reimbursed after the conference, and may cover the cost of travel, room & tax, and registration. Receipts are to be submitted to the State Chair, who will then submit the signed form to the Director of Membership.

### ***ALEC States & Nation Policy Summit:***

1. ***States & Nation Policy Summit Reimbursement Form:*** ALEC offers two scholarships per state to cover the cost of travel, room & tax, and registration not to exceed \$1,000.00 per person for a total of \$2,000.00 per state. ALEC scholarship recipients must be named by the ALEC State Chair. Expenses are submitted to the State Chair and reimbursed after the conference. The State Chair submits the signed form to the Director of Membership.
2. ***State Scholarship Reimbursement Form:*** Any other fees or payments must come out of the state scholarship account, with the approval of the State Chair. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair, who submits the signed form to the Director of Membership.

### ***ALEC Academies:***

***Academy Reimbursement Form:*** Attendees of ALEC Academies are reimbursed by the Task Force Committee hosting the Academy. Attendees will receive a form at the Academy, and will be reimbursed up to \$500.00 for travel, and room & tax fees for a two-night stay by ALEC. Receipts must be forwarded to the appropriate Task Force Director and approved by the Director of Policy.



**Meeting of the  
International Relations Task Force  
and  
Federal Relations Working Group**

States and Nation Policy Summit/Washington, DC  
Friday, December 3, 2010  
2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

*Public Co-Chair: Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)  
Private Co-Chair: Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American Inc.)  
Task Force Director: Karla Jones*

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Welcome and Introductions

Approval of the Minutes from the Annual Meeting

**Private Sector Membership Update**

*Representative Harold Brubaker and Mr. David Powers (IRTF Co-Chairs)*

**“Resolution Supporting U.S.-Moldova Partnership”**

*MEP Adam Bielan (EU Parliament-Poland)*

**Presentation on Intellectual Property**

*Ms. Gina Vetere (Global Intellectual Property Center of the Chamber of Commerce)*

**Presentation on US-Korea Relations**

*Representative from the Embassy of the Republic of Korea (TBD)*

**“Resolution Calling for Final Ratification of US-Korea FTA”**

*Mr. Bob Filippone (PhRMA)*

**Presentation on Argentina’s Debt Default**

*Mr. Robert Shapiro (American Task Force Argentina -- ATFA)*

**“Resolution Supporting Review of Argentina’s GSP Status”**

*Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)*

**“Resolution Opposing the Use of U.S. Tax Dollars to Fund Hate Education”**

*ALEC Congressional Alumnus TBD*

***Federal Relations Working Group***

**“Bill to Restore State Sovereignty and to Dedicate Excess Grant Funds to Deficit Reduction”**

*Representative John Culberson (US House of Representatives-TX)*

**Panel Presentation on Federalism**

*Professor Randy Barnett (Georgetown University School of Law)[Invited]*

*Dr. Robert Natelson ( Independence Institute-Denver, CO)[Invited]*

**“Updates to the Repeal Amendment”**

*Speaker William Howell (VA)*



## **International Relations Task Force Meeting Federal Relations Working Group Meeting**

2010 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA

Thursday, August 5, 2010

8:30a.m. – 11:40a.m.

*Public Co-Chair: Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)*

*Private Co-Chair: Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American Inc.)*

*Task Force Director: Karla Jones*

### **Task Force Members and Guests in Attendance**

#### **Public Sector:**

Representative Sue Allen (MO)

Representative Penny Bacchiodi (CT)

Senator Don Benton (WA)

Senator Curtis Bramble (UT)

Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)

Representative Greg Forristall (IA)

Representative Daniel Greenberg (AR)

Representative William Hamzy (CT)

Representative Chris Herrod (UT)

Representative Calvin Hill, Jr. (GA)

Speaker William Howell (VA)

Representative Michael Huebsch (WI)

Representative Debra Lesko (AZ)

Representative Mark Martin (AK)

Senator Stephen Martin (VA)

Representative Rita Martinson (MS)

Representative Peggy Mast (KS)

Delegate Jonathan Miller (WV)

Senator Wayne Niederhauser (UT)

Representative Deb Peters (SD)

Representative John E. Piscopo (CT)

Representative Valentine Rausch (SD)

Representative David Reis (IL)  
Senator James Ritchie (SC)  
Senator Pam Roach (WA)  
Representative Ken Roberts (ID)  
Senator Michael T. Rose (SC)  
Representative Jeff Thompson (ID)  
Representative Eric Turner (IN)  
Representative Gene Ward (HI)  
Senator Giles Ward (MS)  
Representative C. Gene Whisnant (OR)  
Representative Addia Wuchner (KY)

**International Public Sector:**

Martin Callanan (Member of the European Parliament)  
Assemblywoman Ayesha Javed (Punjab Provincial Assembly-Pakistan)  
Michal Kaminski (Member of the European Parliament)

**Private Sector:**

Ms. Brandie Davis (PMI)  
Mr. David Powers (Reynolds American, Inc.)  
Mr. Toby Spangler (Altria)

**Speakers/Advisors:**

Mr. Jeff Liu (Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office [TECRO])  
Consul General John Mataira (New Zealand Consulate in Los Angeles, CA)  
Merrill Matthews, Jr. (Institute for Policy Innovation)  
Dr. Wilfried Prewo (Hannover, Germany Chamber of Industry and Commerce)  
Rose Sager (Kingdom of Bahrain)  
Mr. Subijaksono Sujono (Embassy of Indonesia to the US)  
Representative Rob Bishop (UT) [By conference call]

**Staff:**

Mrs. Karla Jones (ALEC)  
Mr. Michael Bowman (ALEC)

**Guests:**

Sarah Bowman  
Bob Broadus (Allergan)  
Roman Buhler  
Representative Christopher Coutu (CT)  
Mr. Herb Crenshaw (AT&T)  
Jane Culhati  
Anne Gauss (Embassy of Canada)  
Peter Holran (TASER)  
Emil Igwenagu  
Marsha Kwalwasser (Northrop Grumman)

John Mast  
Pat Murphy (TASER)  
Maciej Olchawa (EU Parliament)  
Jay O'Neil  
Representative Jane P. Powdrell-Culbert (NM)  
Vivian Rose  
Martin Shultz (PinnacleWest)  
Mr. Ed Suharto (Embassy of Indonesia to the US)  
Faredah Ward

### **Welcome and Introduction**

**Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)** and **Mr. David Powers** welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order.

### **Speakers and Discussion**

**Senator Curt Bramble (UT)** introduced a **Resolution to Combat Counterfeit Pharmaceuticals Worldwide**, reiterating the importance of protecting intellectual property rights across national borders, in particular patented pharmaceuticals.

The amended resolution (striking official support for a specific State Department program charged with educating developing countries on IP issues due to lack of information regarding the specific program) **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

**Senator Curt Bramble (UT)** introduced a **Resolution to Deepen Trade Relations with Georgia**, which called for a strengthening of economic and trade ties with Georgia as well as steps to begin negotiations for a Free Trade Agreement with Georgia. He highlighted Georgia's record of consistent market liberalization and stressed the importance of lending support to a nation facing constant pressure from Russia.

The resolution **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

**Senator Wayne Niederhauser (UT)** introduced a **Resolution Calling for Final Ratification of US-Panama FTA**, encouraging the administration to forward the 2007 agreement to Congress. He discussed the multitude of US FDI going into Panama and the military and commercial importance of the Panama Canal. He pointed out that 4% of Panamanian exports face US duties, while 88% of American exports to Panama are taxed, costing the US \$170 million a year.

The resolution **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

**Assemblywoman Ayesha Javed (Punjab Provincial Assembly-Pakistan)** introduced a resolution [via teleconference] concerning the **Establishment of Reconstruction Opportunity Zones in Pakistan**, which would establish Reconstruction Opportunity Zones in border regions with high levels of poverty and unemployment. She explained how these factors often contribute to a culture of extremism, and that in order to meet the United States' strategic goals in the region, it is important to

encourage economic growth and opportunities in these sensitive border areas. It would also apply duty-free treatment to certain Pakistani exports, such as textiles which are currently taxed up to 27%, a rate 10 to 20 times higher than that applied to developed nations such as the UK and Russia.

The resolution **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

**Mr. Jeff Liu (Taipei Economic and Cultural Representative Office [TECRO])** made a presentation on the progress of **Taiwan's bid for Observer Status in the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)**. He noted the recent improvement in Sino-Taiwanese relations, and the political stability of the Taiwan Strait region. As a key air transport hub, over 100 direct flights cross the Taiwan Strait every week, and 1.35 million flights go through Taiwan each year, carrying over 360,000 American passengers. In light of this, he explained how Taiwan's lack of representation in ICAO is detrimental to Taiwanese development as well as to overall global aviation safety. He applauded the recent passage of a Congressional resolution supporting Taiwan's involvement in ICAO and asked for the continued support of the US in Taiwan's efforts.

**Representative Valentine Rausch (SD)** introduced the resolution concerning **ICAO Participation for Taiwan**, as outlined in Mr. Liu's presentation.

The resolution **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

**Consul General John Mataira (New Zealand Consulate in Los Angeles, CA)** spoke to us about **New Zealand and the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)**. He outlined the importance of the TPP in full tariff elimination among members and increased economic integration in the Asia-Pacific region. He further pointed to statistics showing a decrease in US exports going to New Zealand due to increased trade with other areas such as China, which recently took over the United States' position as the second largest exporter to New Zealand. This, he argued, was due to a multitude of bilateral and regional trade agreements in which the US has not participated.

**Representative William A. Hamzy, Esq. (CT)** introduced a resolution proposing **Support for the Trans-Pacific Partnership**, as outlined in Consul General Mataira's presentation. He stressed the importance of the Trans-Pacific region, which accounts for 60% of world GDP and almost half of world trade. He contended that US involvement in the TPP could help counter growing Chinese influence in the area.

The resolution **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

**Merrill Matthews, Jr. (Institute for Policy Innovation)** made a **Presentation on Intellectual Property**. He highlighted that the US has historically been strong on intellectual property (IP) and that IP protection is written into Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution. He explained the importance of IP to the US economy, where IP-heavy industries and producers, known as the "creative class," represent 60% of US exports. Counterfeit goods are increasingly siphoning money out of the US economy, and the US Chamber of Commerce estimates a potential future loss of \$1 trillion a year if IP rights are not upheld. He contends that the US cannot compete with the cheap labor from developing countries, but can compete with innovative ideas and technologies for which IP protection is critical.

**Brandie Davis (Philip Morris International)** introduced the **Resolution on Plain Packaging Legislation**, which urges the Obama Administration to take into consideration how plain packaging mandates- that is, removing trademark labels on cigarette packages as illegal advertising- violates IP rights both domestically and in a number of bilateral and multilateral trade agreements such as the TRIPS provision of the WTO.

The resolution **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

**Martin Callanan (Member of the European Parliament)** and **Michal Kaminski (Member of the European Parliament)** made a **Presentation on US-EU Relations**. They outlined the importance of continued US-EU economic interaction and political exchange, lamenting the recent weakening of US-EU ties. They discussed how a large part of the EU elite do not look to the US as an ally but as a competitor, and in turn the current US administration has not taken much interest in US-EU relations. They expressed the importance of establishing strong ties between conservative organizations in the US and EU so as to combat the shared threat of socialism and extremist rhetoric.

**Ms. Rose Sager (Embassy of Bahrain to the US)** made a **Presentation on US-Bahrain Relations**. She recounted the strong US-Bahraini relationship dating back over 100 years to early missionaries and partnerships in oil production. She stressed the importance of the 2006 US-Bahrain FTA, which increased bilateral trade by 24% in three years, as well as how the FTA opened the US to trade with other Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries. Any US company that establishes itself in Bahrain can now trade with other GCC nations on the same tax-free basis. Finally, Ms. Sager highlighted Bahrain's position as the 13<sup>th</sup> freest economy in the world, its tax advantages and strong legal institutions, and encouraged US business investment in Bahrain.

**Mr. Subijaksono Sujono (Embassy of Indonesia to the US)** made a **Presentation on US-Indonesian Relations**. He discussed Indonesia's steady economic, political and human rights reforms, and the importance of US-Indonesian cooperation. He stressed Indonesia as a critical partner for the US as a member of the G20 where it has one of the fastest growing economies of the group, a member of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), the largest Muslim majority nation in the world and the third largest democracy in the world. He further explained that the US has played an important role in Indonesian development since independence in 1945, and is one of the largest investors in Indonesia. In conclusion, Mr. Sujono acknowledged the multiple partnerships in regional economic, political and security issues between the two nations, and commended the US-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership.

**Representative Gene Ward (HI)** introduced a **Resolution Recognizing the US-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership** recognizing and commending the US-Indonesia Comprehensive Partnership and enhanced cooperation between the two nations. Representative Ward also suggested that the resolution be sent to USINDO. The resolution was amended accordingly.

The resolution **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

As part of the **Federal Relations Working Group**, **Representative Rob Bishop (UT)** introduced the **10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Task Force**. He discussed how the Federal government has been growing exponentially in scope and must not only become smaller but more flexible, effective and efficient. He

stressed that the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Task Force does center on states' rights per se but rather on empowering states in order to promote a healthy balance of power between the states and the federal government. He encouraged congressmen to join the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment Task Force and support their Madison Amendment, a bipartisan effort to grant states an avenue through which to add constitutional language if they deem it necessary.

**Representative David Reis (IL)** introduced a **Resolution on Tenth Amendment Rights** reaffirming the 10<sup>th</sup> Amendment and legislators' duty to uphold the 10<sup>th</sup> amendment under their oath of office.

The resolution **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

**Representative Harold Brubaker (NC)** introduced a **Resolution to Update Our Current Colombia FTA Resolution**, which brings a previously passed ALEC Resolution on the Colombia FTA up to date.

The resolution **passed** unanimously and was subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

**Dr. Wilfried Prewo (Hannover, Germany Chamber of Industry and Commerce)** made a **Presentation on Health Care in Germany**.

He explained the two systems of government funded healthcare in Europe- the Beveridge system (a tax-funded system) and Bismark system (originally a payroll tax financed system). The German system originally fell under the Bismark system, with "sickness funds" that were semi-autonomous public law corporations one could opt into. However as the government further subsidized sickness funds, government influence and control began to increase as did costs, gradually blurring the line between the Beveridge and Bismark systems. Dr. Prewo further discussed some common misconceptions about healthcare: that universal access to healthcare requires a unitary government plan and that people don't react to higher prices in healthcare. He countered these misconceptions by showing how the free market takes care of other basic needs such as food and clothing, and further discussed statistics from Sweden where sick leave behavior changed with monetary incentive changes in government healthcare. While Germany has made 17 reforms to the healthcare system over the past 20 years, these reforms raised healthcare costs when they promised to reduce them. Dr. Prewo stressed the importance of market elements in the healthcare market to ensure quality and efficacy.

**Speaker William Howell (VA)** introduced a **Constitutional Convention Resolution** asking ALEC to endorse a request for Congress to call a constitutional convention for the single purpose of adding a constitutional amendment to give states a "line item veto" over federal legislation. While sponsored by **Speaker William Howell (VA)** introduced the **Madison Amendment** that would grant states the power to propose a constitutional convention limited to discussing one single amendment.

Both resolutions **passed** unanimously and were subsequently approved by ALEC's Board of Directors.

1       **Resolution Supporting Final Ratification of the U.S.-Korea Free Trade**  
2       **Agreement**  
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4       **WHEREAS**, the United States and the Republic of Korea (ROK/South Korea) signed the  
5       United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA) in June of 2007; and  
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7       **WHEREAS**, the KORUS FTA is still awaiting Congressional approval; and  
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9       **WHEREAS**, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) policy on free trade  
10      acknowledges “the imposition of artificial barriers to free and open trade...are deterrents  
11      to American economic interests;” and  
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13      **WHEREAS**, if approved, the KORUS FTA would be the most significant U.S. FTA in  
14      more than 16 years and would give other U.S. trading partners confidence in America’s  
15      commitment to building lasting economic partnerships; and  
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17      **WHEREAS**, the ROK is the 13<sup>th</sup> largest economy in the world as measured in GDP and  
18      is among the world’s top dozen trading nations; and  
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20      **WHEREAS**, the ROK is the United States’ tenth largest export market and is a major  
21      customer for goods such as civil aircraft, electronics and technology, industrial  
22      machinery, plastics, chemicals, and food products such as beef; and  
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24      **WHEREAS**, an FTA between the Republic of Korea and the United States would make  
25      95% of all trade between the two countries duty-free within ten years and would  
26      eliminate most remaining tariffs within the next decade; and  
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28      **WHEREAS**, decreased protectionism would make U.S. exports more attractive to South  
29      Korean consumers, creating a market for such goods and leading to job creation in the  
30      United States; and  
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32      **WHEREAS**, decreased protectionism would also make South Korean goods more  
33      affordable to American consumers; and  
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35      **WHEREAS**, the benefits to the U.S. of ratification will increase over time as rising south  
36      Korean incomes will facilitate the purchase of more of our goods and services; and  
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38      **WHEREAS**, an FTA would allow both trading partners to pursue their comparative  
39      advantages and increase economic efficiency; and  
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41      **WHEREAS**, the dual effect of the creation of American jobs in sectors such as  
42      manufacturing and agriculture and the availability of affordable consumer goods would  
43      contribute to America’s economic recovery in the aftermath of the economic crisis and  
44      recession; and  
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46   **WHEREAS**, this trade agreement will have an estimated impact of raising U.S. GDP by  
47   0.2%, contributing up to \$12 billion to the economy; and

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49   **WHEREAS**, an FTA would make American exports more competitive in the South  
50   Korean market and would keep the U.S. from being left behind by other countries and  
51   entities that have already entered into or are on the verge of entering into trade  
52   arrangements with the Republic of Korea, such as Australia, India, and the European  
53   Union; and

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55   **WHEREAS**, China's trade with South Korea has been expanding rapidly, necessitating  
56   an American response to avoid being left behind; and

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58   **WHEREAS**, the United States' geostrategic position in East Asia is becoming  
59   increasingly more important but less assured with the rise of China as an economic and  
60   military power and with North Korea's increasing volatility as it approaches a changing  
61   of the political guard; and

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63   **WHEREAS**, a strengthening of bilateral relations with South Korea, that would be the  
64   byproduct of the ratification of the KORUS FTA, would help to secure U.S. economic  
65   and strategic interests and influence in the region; and

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67   **NOW THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED** that ALEC applauds the support of the  
68   current and previous presidential administrations for the KORUS FTA and their effort to  
69   negotiate and shape the agreement; and

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71   **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ALEC calls on the U.S. Congress to approve the  
72   United States-Korean Free Trade Agreement for the benefit of the United States economy  
73   and national security.

1       **Resolution Supporting the Reevaluation of Argentina's General System  
2           of Preferences (GSP) Benefits by the U.S. Trade Representative**

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4       **WHEREAS**, Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) benefits have allowed  
5           participating developing countries to enjoy duty-free treatment on the great majority of  
6           their exports to the United States since 1974; and

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8       **WHEREAS**, Argentina has consistently ignored its responsibilities as a Beneficiary  
9           Developing Country (BDC) under the General System of Preferences; and

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11       **WHEREAS**, Argentina's failure to provide fair and adequate compensation following its  
12           2001 default on \$8.7 billion of government bonds held by U.S. citizens and its persistent  
13           refusal to engage in good faith negotiations regarding such compensation constitute  
14           violation of these requirements as well as seizure of U.S. property; and

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16       **WHEREAS**, Argentina's refusal to repay its debt obligations to U.S. and international  
17           bondholders cost U.S. taxpayers, investors and creditors \$20.5 billion from 2001 to 2008;  
18           Argentina's refusal to repay outstanding debt to New York taxpayers, investors and  
19           creditors alone cost \$1,981 million until December 2008; and

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21       **WHEREAS**, Argentina has also refused to fairly negotiate its debt with Paris Club  
22           lenders, an informal group of official creditor nations which includes the U.S. and  
23           portions of which were funded with U.S. taxpayer dollars; and

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25       **WHEREAS**, Argentina is one of the wealthiest nations to receive GSP benefits but has  
26           consistently refused to recognize over 100 court judgments ruled in the U.S. Southern  
27           District Court of New York ordering repayment; and

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29       **WHEREAS**, Argentina is in possession of over \$51 billion in Central Bank reserves and  
30           is unwilling, although capable, of repaying its debts to U.S. creditors; and

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32       **WHEREAS**, Argentina's average tariff rate is almost five times that of the U.S. (its  
33           bound rate 10 times that of the U.S.); and

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35       **WHEREAS**, the Argentine government has raised tariffs and imposed new customs and  
36           licensing procedures and other measures with the intention of further blocking access to  
37           its market; and

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39       **WHEREAS**, Argentina also imposes higher export taxes on raw materials relative to  
40           those on processed products, effectively subsidizing the export of processed products;  
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43       **WHEREAS**, Argentina's severe shortcomings in the area of intellectual property, which  
44           include rampant piracy, counterfeiting, major enforcement problems, and a backlog of  
45           patent applications, have placed it squarely on the United States Trade Representative  
46           (USTR) Priority Watch List; and

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48 **WHEREAS**, Argentina also accounts for 84 percent of all pending cases in the World  
49 Bank's International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) – 27 out of 30  
50 – against institutions in other G-20 countries; as final and binding judgments,  
51 Argentina's refusal to recognize and honor these judgments exhibits contempt for  
52 international rule of law; and

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54 **WHEREAS**, Argentina's failure to recognize the validity of ICSID cases judged against  
55 it constitutes a breach of its obligations under the ICSID Convention, a multilateral treaty  
56 to which the U.S. is a party; and

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58 **WHEREAS**, the Argentine government has denied full transparency by refusing to take  
59 part in the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) Article IV Review since its debt default,  
60 which is a prerequisite for receiving IMF loans and negotiating a Paris Club settlement;  
61 and

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63 **WHEREAS**, Argentina has continued to receive benefits from organizations such as the  
64 World Bank, a multilateral institution which receives a portion of its funding from the  
65 U.S. and its taxpayers; and

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67 **WHEREAS**, Argentina's pattern of undemocratic domestic policies, including the  
68 government seizure of private pension funds and steps to overtake foreign exchange  
69 reserves from the Central Bank, should bar its participation in the GSP program as the  
70 purpose of these trade benefits is to enhance democracy and economic development; and

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72 **WHEREAS**, U.S. state exports benefit from reciprocal trade programs; and a foreign  
73 trade agreement with Argentina would have a greater effect on the country's policies than  
74 participating in the GSP program; and

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76 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that ALEC supports USTR's reevaluation of  
77 Argentina's GSP beneficiary status for withdrawal or suspension; and

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79 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that ALEC urges members of the U.S. Congress to  
80 support the withdrawal of Argentina's GSP benefits; and

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82 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the  
83 President of the United States, to the Chairmen and Ranking Members of the U.S. Senate  
84 Finance Committee, U.S. House Foreign Affairs Committee and U.S. House Committee  
85 on Ways and Means, to the U.S. Trade Representative and the Subcommittee on  
86 Generalized System of Preferences (GSP), and to the Secretary of State.

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## **Shell Resolution to Support Moldovan Integration into Western Institutions**

***Submitted by: ALEC International Legislator MEP Adam Bielan***

This resolution recognizes Moldova's aspirations to be integrated into Western institutions and will be sponsored by MEP Adam Bielan who is his party's shadow rapporteur on Moldova in the EU Parliament. Bordered by Ukraine and Romania, Moldova has the dubious distinction of being Europe's poorest country. However in 2009 Moldova elected a coalition government committed to economic liberalization and greater integration with the West following nearly a decade of post-Soviet Communist rule. In January of this year, Moldova signed a Millennium Challenge Corporation Compact for a \$262 million grant for improvements in infrastructure.

*This serves as a shell resolution for the 35-day mailing. The full text for the resolution will be forthcoming.*

## **A Bill to Restore State Sovereignty and to Dedicate Excess Grant Funds to Deficit Reduction**

*Submitted by: Representative John Culberson (U.S. House of Representatives-TX)*

This bill provides that no federal authority will be permitted to impose and/or enforce requirements as a condition of receiving federal financial assistance under a federal grant program unless the legislature of that state has expressly approved the program. It authorizes a federal authority to release financial assistance under a federal grant program to a state only after the state's legislature has expressly approved the program or amended the requirements imposed by the federal government as a condition of receiving the assistance. This bill will be modeled after H.R. 5903.

*This serves as a shell resolution for the 35-day mailing. The full text for the resolution will be forthcoming.*

## **Shell Resolution to Oppose US Taxpayer Funding of Hate Education**

***Submitted by: ALEC Congressional Alumnus TBD***

This resolution urges our government to ensure that American taxpayer dollars do not go to fund initiatives in the Palestinian Authority that promote anti-Western (including anti-American) propaganda or that incite the Palestinian people to engage in violence directed toward Israel and toward the West. As background materials I have included a brochure from the Campaign Against Hate Education and a monograph from the TaxPayers' Alliance (one of the foremost British free-market think tanks) that describes the issue in great depth.

*This serves as a shell resolution for the 35-day mailing. The full text for the resolution will be forthcoming.*

**Resolution Calling for the Congress of the United States to Call an  
Amendment Convention Pursuant to Article V of the United States  
Constitution to Propose a Constitutional Amendment Permitting Repeal  
of any Federal Law or Regulation by Vote of Two-Thirds of the State  
Legislatures**

*Note: The portions highlighted in yellow represent the proposed changes to the resolution.*

**WHEREAS**, Article I of the United States Constitution begins "All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress has exceeded the legislative powers granted in the Constitution thereby encroaching on the powers that are "reserved to the states respectively, or to the people" as the Tenth Amendment affirms and the rights "retained by the people" to which the Ninth Amendment refers; and

**WHEREAS**, this encroachment includes the accumulation of federal debt, which combined with interest represents a future tax, and is of such great proportion that responsibility for its payment will be passed to future, unborn generations of Americans to assume without their consent, thereby disparaging their rights, and

**WHEREAS**, this encroachment also includes compelling state and local governments to comply with federal laws and regulations without accompanying funding for such mandates; and

**WHEREAS**, in Federalist No. 85, Alexander Hamilton wrote in reference to Article V of the Constitution and the calling of a convention for the purpose of proposing amendments that, "We may safely rely on the disposition of the State legislatures to erect barriers against the encroachments of the national authority"; and

**WHEREAS**, the Constitution should be amended in order to halt federal encroachment and restore a proper balance between the powers of Congress and those of the several states, and to prevent the denial or disparagement of the rights retained by the people;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the state of [INSERT STATE] hereby applies and makes application to the Congress of the United States to call an amendment convention pursuant to Article V of the United States Constitution for the limited purpose of proposing a constitutional amendment that permits the repeal of any federal law or regulation by vote of two-thirds of the state legislatures, and the [INSERT STATE] Delegation to such Convention, when called, shall propose the following amendment: "Any provision of law or regulation of the United States may be repealed by the several states, and such repeal shall be effective when the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states approve resolutions for this purpose that particularly describe the same provision or provisions of law or regulation to be repealed;" and

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47 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution is revoked  
48 and withdrawn, nullified, and superseded to the same effect as if it had never been  
49 passed, and retroactive to the date of passage, if it is used for the purpose of calling a  
50 convention or used in support of conducting a convention to amend the Constitution of  
51 the United States for any purpose other than consideration of the amendment proposed in  
52 this resolution or amendments proposed by other States in their respective Article V  
53 Resolutions; and

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55 **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the State of [INSERT  
56 STATE] reserves its right to add future amendments as the legislature deems warranted  
57 to this application; and

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59 **BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER** that delegates to such Convention, when called, be  
60 selected according to procedures established by the legislatures of the several states; and

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62 **BE IT RESOLVED FURTHER** that the Clerk of the [STATE LEGISLATIVE  
63 BODY] transmit copies of this resolution to the Speaker of the United States House of  
64 Representatives, the President of the United States Senate, and the members of  
65 the [INSERT STATE] Congressional Delegation so that they may be apprised of the  
66 sense of the [STATE LEGISLATIVE BODY] in this matter.

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## **Mission Statement**

The American Legislative Exchange Council's mission is...

To advance the Jeffersonian Principles of free markets, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty through a nonpartisan public-private partnership among America's state legislators, concerned members of the private sector, the federal government, and the general public.

To promote these principles by developing policies that ensure the powers of government are derived from, and assigned to, first the People, then the States, and finally the Federal Government.

To enlist state legislators from all parties and members of the private sector who share ALEC's mission.

To conduct a policy making program that unites members of the public and private sector in a dynamic partnership to support research, policy development, and dissemination activities.

To prepare the next generation of political leadership through educational programs that promote the principles of Jeffersonian democracy, which are necessary for a free society.

## SCHOLARSHIP POLICY BY MEETING

### ***ALEC Spring Task Force Summit:***

1. ***Spring Task Force Summit Reimbursement Form:*** ALEC Task Force Members are reimbursed by ALEC up to a predetermined set limit for travel expenses. Receipts must be forwarded to the ALEC Policy Coordinator and approved by the Director of Policy.
2. ALEC Task Force Members' room & tax fees for a two-night stay are covered by ALEC.
3. *Official Alternate Task Force Members* (chosen by the State Chair and whose names are given to ALEC more than 35 days prior to the meeting to serve in place of a Task Force Member who cannot attend) are reimbursed in the same manner as Task Force Members.
4. ***State Scholarship Reimbursement Form:*** Any fees above the set limit, or expenses other than travel and room expenses can be submitted by Task Force Members for payment from their state scholarship account upon the approval of the State Chair. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair, who will submit the signed form to the Director of Membership.
5. *Non-Task Force Members* can be reimbursed out of the state scholarship fund upon State Chair approval. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair, who will submit the appropriate signed form to the Director of Membership.

### ***ALEC Annual Meeting:***

***State Scholarship Reimbursement Form:*** State scholarship funds are available for reimbursement by approval of your ALEC State Chair. Expenses are reimbursed after the conference, and may cover the cost of travel, room & tax, and registration. Receipts are to be submitted to the State Chair, who will then submit the signed form to the Director of Membership.

### ***ALEC States & Nation Policy Summit:***

1. ***States & Nation Policy Summit Reimbursement Form:*** ALEC offers two scholarships per state to cover the cost of travel, room & tax, and registration not to exceed \$1,000.00 per person for a total of \$2,000.00 per state. ALEC scholarship recipients must be named by the ALEC State Chair. Expenses are submitted to the State Chair and reimbursed after the conference. The State Chair submits the signed form to the Director of Membership.
2. ***State Scholarship Reimbursement Form:*** Any other fees or payments must come out of the state scholarship account, with the approval of the State Chair. Receipts must be submitted to the State Chair, who submits the signed form to the Director of Membership.

### ***ALEC Academies:***

***Academy Reimbursement Form:*** Attendees of ALEC Academies are reimbursed by the Task Force Committee hosting the Academy. Attendees will receive a form at the Academy, and will be reimbursed up to \$500.00 for travel, and room & tax fees for a two-night stay by ALEC. Receipts must be forwarded to the appropriate Task Force Director and approved by the Director of Policy.



## **American Legislative Exchange Council TASK FORCE OPERATING PROCEDURES**

### **I. MISSION OF TASK FORCES**

Assume the primary responsibility for identifying critical issues, developing ALEC policy, and sponsoring educational activities which advance the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty. The mission will be accomplished through a non-partisan, public and private partnership between ALEC's legislative and private sector members in the specific subject areas assigned to the Task Force by the Board of Directors.

### **II. TASK FORCE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Task Forces have the primary responsibility for identifying critical issues and developing ALEC's official policy statements and model legislation appropriate to the specific subject areas of the Task Force.
- B. Task Forces serve as forums for an exchange of ideas and sharing of experiences between ALEC's state legislator and private sector members.
- C. Task Forces are responsible for developing and sponsoring the following educational activities appropriate to the specific subject area of the Task Force:
  - publications that express policy positions, including, but not limited to State Factors and Action Alerts;
  - educational communication and correspondence campaigns;
  - issue specific briefings, press conferences and press campaigns;
  - witness testimony and the activities of policy response teams;
  - workshops at ALEC's conferences; and
  - specific focus events.
- D. The Executive Director is to Task Forces are responsible for developing an annual budgets, which shall include expenses associated with Task Force meetings and educational activities. A funding mechanism to finance all meetings and educational activities proposed by Task Forces must be available before they can be undertaken.

### **III. GENERAL PROCEDURES**

- A.** Requests from ALEC members for policy statements, model legislation and educational activities shall be directed by the Executive Director to the appropriate Task Force, or the Board of Directors if the issue does not fall within the jurisdiction of any Task Force. The appropriate Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs determine the agenda for each Task Force meeting, and the meetings will be called and conducted in accordance with these Operating Procedures.

The Director of Policy with the consent of the Executive Director assigns a model bill or resolution to the most appropriate Task Force based on Task Force content and prior jurisdictional history 35 days before a Task Force Meeting. All Task Force Co-Chairs will be provided an email or fax summary of all model bills and resolutions 35 days before the Task Force meeting

If both the Co-Chairs of a Task Force are in agreement that they should have jurisdiction on model legislation or a resolution, the legislation or resolution will be considered by the Task Force. If the other Task Force Co-Chairs believe they should have jurisdiction or if the author of the model bill or resolution does not agree on the jurisdictional assignment of the bill, they will have 10 days after the 35-day mailer deadline to submit in writing or by electronic appeal to the Director of Policy their intent to challenge the jurisdiction assignment. The Director of Policy will notify the Executive Director who will in turn notify the National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair. The National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair will in turn refer the matter in question to the Board of Directors Task Force Board Committee. The Director of Policy will establish a conference call for the Task Force Board Committee co-chairs, the author, the affected Task Force Co-Chairs and the Director of Policy at a time convenient for all participants.

The Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs shall listen to the jurisdictional dispute by phone or in person within 10 days of the request. If both Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs are in agreement that the Director of Policy made an incorrect jurisdictional referral, only then will the model bill or resolution be reassigned to a committee as they specify once agreed upon by the National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair. The bill or model resolution is still eligible to be heard in whatever Task Force it is deemed to be assigned to as if submitted to the correct Task Force for the 35-day mailer. The National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair decision is final on this model bill or resolution.

Joint referral of model legislation and/or resolutions are allowed if all the affected Task Force Co-Chairs agree. All model legislation and resolutions that have been referred to, more than one Task Force must pass the identical language in both Task Forces within two consecutive Task Force meetings. It is at the Task Force

Co-Chairs discretion how they will handle the hearings of the model legislation or resolution. Both sets of co-chairs have the ability to call a working group, subcommittee, or simply meet consecutively or concurrently if necessary.

If the Task Force co-chairs both agree to waive jurisdiction, they may do so as long as another Task Force still has jurisdiction.

The National Chair and the Private Sector Board Chair will rely upon the Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs for advice and recommendations on model legislation or resolutions when no jurisdiction in any of the existing Task Forces in operation can be found. The Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs will work with the Executive Director and the Director of Policy to identify public and private sector Task Force members (not alternates) from the existing Task Forces should their expertise be of assistance to the Task Force Board Committee in reaching a determination and recommendation for approval by the National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair.

- B. The National Chair and the Private Sector Board Chair will rely upon the Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs for advice and recommendations on model legislation or resolutions when no jurisdiction in any of the existing Task Forces in operation can be found. The Task Force Board Committee Co-Chairs will work with the Executive Director and the Director of Policy to identify public and private sector Task Force members (not alternates) from the existing Task Forces should their expertise be of assistance to the Task Force Board Committee in reaching a determination and recommendation for approval by the National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair.
- C. The Board of Directors shall have ultimate authority over Task Force procedures and actions including the authority to create, to merge or to disband Task Forces and to review Task Force actions in accordance with these Operating Procedures. Nothing in these Operating Procedures prohibits the Board of Directors from developing ALEC policy; however, such a practice should be utilized only in exceptional circumstances. Before the policy is adopted by the Board of Directors, it should be sent to the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs under whose jurisdiction the matter falls for review and comment back to the Board of Directors.
- D. The operating cycle of a Task Force is two years. A new operating cycle begins on January 1 of each odd numbered year and ends on December 31 of the following even numbered year. Task Force activities shall be planned and budgeted on an annual basis within each two-year operating cycle.
- E. ~~At the ALEC Annual Meeting, each Task Force will be responsible for determining an operating budget for the succeeding calendar year. The Executive Director will notify the Task Force Co-Chairs, at the ALEC Annual Meeting, what inflation factor will be used by the Task Force to determine the operating~~

~~and programming budgets. Task Force membership and budget information will be reported to the Executive Director by the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs. The Executive Director will present this information to the Board of Directors at its regular fall meeting.~~

- F. If a Task Force is unable to develop an operating budget, the Board of Directors will determine whether to continue the operations of the Task Force. This determination will be made according to: (1) the level of membership on the Task Force, and (2) the need for continued services developed by the Task Force for ALEC.
- G. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to allocate limited general support funds to finance the annual operating budget of Task Forces that meet the requirements prescribed in Section III (E). The Executive Director shall determine, and report to the Board of Directors, the amount of general support funds available to underwrite such Task Forces.

#### **IV. MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. The membership of a Task Force consists of legislators who are members in good standing of ALEC and are duly appointed to the Task Force, in accordance with Section VI (A) and private sector organizations that are full members of ALEC, contribute to the assessment for the Task Force operating budget, and are duly appointed to the Task Force, in accordance with Section VI (B). Private sector organizations that were full members of ALEC and contributed the assessment for the Task Force's operating budget in the previous year, can be appointed to the Task Force for the current year, conditional upon renewal of full ALEC membership and receipt of the current year's assessment for the Task Force operating budget prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>, unless an alternative date has been approved by the Executive Director.
- B. Each Task Force shall have least two Co-Chairs; a Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair and a Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair. The Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair must be a member of the Task Force and appointed in accordance with Section VI (A). The Private Sector Co-Chair must represent a private sector member of the Task Force and be appointed in accordance with Section VI(B). The Co-Chairs shall be responsible for:
  - (1) calling the Task Force and the Executive Committee meetings to order, setting the agenda and co-chairing such meetings;
  - (2) appointing and removing legislators and private sector members to and from the Task Force Executive Committee and subcommittees;
  - (3) creating subcommittees, and determining each subcommittee's mission, membership limit, voting rules, deadlines, and term of service; and

- (4) selecting Task Force members to provide support for and against Task Force policies during formal Board reviews.
- C. Each Task Force shall have an Executive Committee appointed by the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs that is appropriate in number to carry out the work product and strategic plan of ALEC and the Task Force. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Public Sector Task Force Co-chair, the Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair, the subcommittee co-chairs, and the remainder will be an equal number of legislative and private sector Task Force members. The Executive Committee will be responsible for determining the operating budget and proposing plans, programs and budgets for the succeeding year in accordance with (Section V (B); determining if a proposed educational activity conforms to a previously approved model bill, resolution or policy statement in accordance with (Section IX (F); and determining if an emergency situation exists that justifies waiving or reducing appropriate time limits in accordance with (Section VIII (H)).
- D. Each Task Force may have any number of subcommittees, consisting of Task Force members and advisors to focus on specific areas and issues and make policy recommendations to the Task Force. The Task Force Co-chairs, shall create subcommittees and determine each subcommittee's mission, membership limit, voting rules, deadlines, and term of service. Any model bill, resolution or policy statement approved by a subcommittee must be approved by the Task Force before it can be considered official ALEC policy.
- E. Each Task Force may have advisors, appointed in accordance with Section VI (G). Advisors shall assist the members and staff of the Task Force. They shall be identified as advisors on official Task Force rosters, included in all official Task Force mailings and invited to all Task Force meetings. Advisors may also have their expenses paid at Task Force meetings covered by the Task Force operating budget with the approval of the Task Force Co-Chairs. An advisor cannot be designated as the primary contact of a private sector Task Force member, cannot be designated to represent a private sector Task Force member at a Task Force, Executive Committee, or subcommittee meeting, and cannot offer or vote on any motion at a Task Force, Executive Committee, or subcommittee meeting.

#### ***V. Task Force Budgets***

- A. Each Task Force shall develop and operate a yearly budget to fund meetings.
- B. The operating budget shall be used primarily to cover expenses for Task Force meetings, unless specific funds within the budget are authorized for other use by the Task Force. The operating budget shall be assessed equally among the private sector members of the Task Force. The Executive Director, in consultation with the Task Force Co-Chairs shall determine which costs associated with each meeting will be reimbursed from the operating budget. Any funds remaining in a

Task Force's operating budget at the end of a year are transferred to ALEC's general membership account.

- C. The operating budget shall not be used to cover Task Force meeting expenses associated with alternate task force members' participation, unless they are appointed by their State Chair to attend the Spring Task Force Summit with the purpose to serve in place of a Task Force Member who is unable to attend. Task Force meeting expenses of alternate task force members shall be covered by their state's scholarship account.
- D. The programming budget shall be used to cover costs associated with educational activities. Contributions to the programming budget are separate, and in addition to operating budget contributions and annual general support/membership contributions to ALEC. The Executive Director shall determine the contribution required for each educational activity.

## ***VI. PROCESS FOR SELECTING TASK FORCE MEMBERS, CHAIRS, COMMITTEES AND ADVISORS***

- A. Prior to February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the current and immediate past National chairman will jointly select and appoint in writing three legislative members and three alternates to the Task Force who will serve for the current operating cycle, after receiving nominations from ALEC's Public and Private State Chairs, the Executive Director and the ALEC Public and Private Sector members of the Board. At any time during the year, the National Chairman may appoint in writing new legislator members to each Task Force, except that no more than three legislators from each state may serve as members of any Task Force, no legislator may serve on more than one Task Force and the appointment cannot be made earlier than thirty days after the new member has been nominated. In an effort to ensure the nonpartisan nature of each Task Force, it is recommended that no more than two legislators of any one political party from the same state be appointed to serve as members of any Task Force. A preference will be given to those ALEC legislator members who serve on or chair the respective Committee in their state legislature. A preference will be given to legislators who sponsor ALEC Task Force model legislation in the state legislature.
- B. Prior to January 10 of each odd-numbered year, the current and immediate past National Chairman will jointly select and appoint in writing the Task Force Chair who will serve for the current operating cycle, after receiving nominations from the Task Force. Nominations will be requested by the outgoing Task Force Chair and may be placed in rank order prior to transmittal to the Executive Director no later than December 1 of each even-numbered year. No more than five names may be submitted in nomination by the outgoing Task Force chair. The current and immediate past National Chairmen will jointly make the final selection, but

should give strong weight to the recommendations of the outgoing Task Force Chair. In an effort to empower as many ALEC leaders as possible, State Chairs and members of the Board of Directors will not be selected as Task Force Chairs. Task Force Chairs shall serve for one operating cycle term. Where special circumstances warrant, the current and immediate past National Chairmen may reappoint a Task Force Chair to a second operating cycle term.

- C. Prior to February 1 of each odd numbered year, the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs will select and appoint in writing the legislative and private sector members of the Task Force Executive Committee, who will serve for the current operating cycle. The Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs will select and appoint in writing the legislative and private sector members and advisors to any subcommittee.
- D. Prior to February 1 of each year, the Private Enterprise Board Chair and the immediate past Private Enterprise Board Chair will select and appoint in writing the private sector members to the Task Force who will serve for the current year. The appointment letter shall be mailed to the individual designated as the primary contact for the private sector entity. At any time during the year, the Chair of the Private Enterprise Board may appoint in writing new private sector members to each Task Force, but no earlier than thirty days after the new member has qualified for full membership in ALEC and contributed the assessment for the appropriate Task Force's operating budget.
- E. Prior to January 10 of each odd-numbered year, the Chair of the Private Enterprise Board and the immediate past Private Enterprise Board Chair will select and appoint in writing the Task Force Private Sector Co-Chair who will serve for the current operating cycle, after receiving nominations from the Task Force. Nominations will be requested by the outgoing Task Force Private Sector Chair and may be placed in rank order prior to transmittal to the Chair of the Private Enterprise Board. The Chair and the immediate past Chair of the Private Enterprise Board will make the final selection, but should give strong weight to the recommendations of the outgoing Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair. In an effort to empower as many ALEC private sector members as possible, Private Enterprise State Chairs and members of the Private Enterprise Board will not be selected as Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs. Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs shall serve for one operating cycle term. Where special circumstances warrant, the current and immediate past Chair of the Private Enterprise Board may reappoint a Task Force Private Sector Chair to a second operating cycle term.
- F. Prior to February 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Task Force Private Sector Co-Chair will select and appoint in writing the private sector members of the Task Force Executive Committee, who will serve for the current operating cycle. The Task Force Private Sector Co-Chair shall select and appoint in writing the private sector members of any subcommittees.

G. The Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs, may jointly appoint subject matter experts to serve as advisors to the Task Force. The National Chair and the Private Enterprise Board Chair may also jointly recommend to the Task Force Co-Chairs subject matter experts to serve as advisors to the Task Force.

## ***VII. REMOVAL AND VACANCIES***

- A. The National Chair may remove any Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair from his position and any legislative member from a Task Force with or without cause. Such action will not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such Chair or member whose removal is proposed. For purposes of this subsection, cause may include failure to attend two consecutive Task Force meetings.
- B. The Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair may remove any legislative member of an Executive Committee or subcommittee from his position with or without cause. Such action shall not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such member whose removal is proposed. For purposes of this subsection, cause may include failure to attend two consecutive meetings.
- C. The Chairman of the Private Enterprise Board may remove any Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair from his position and any private sector member from a Task Force with cause. Such action shall not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such Chair or member whose removal is proposed. For purposes of this subsection, cause may include but is not limited to the non-payment of ALEC General Membership dues and the Task Force dues. .
- D. The Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair may remove any private sector member of an Executive Committee or subcommittee from his position with cause. Such action shall not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such member whose removal is proposed. For purposes of this subsection, cause may include but is not limited to the non-payment of ALEC General Membership dues and the Task Force dues.
- E. The Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs may remove an advisor from his position with or without cause. Such action shall not be taken except upon thirty days written notice to such advisor whose removal is proposed.
- F. Any member or advisor may resign from his position as Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair, Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair, public or private sector Task Force member, Task Force advisor, Executive Committee member or subcommittee member at any time by writing a letter to that effect to the Public Sector and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs. The letter should specify the effective date of the resignation, and if none is specified, the effective date shall be the date on which the letter is received by the Public and Private Task Force Co-Chairs.

G. All vacancies for Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair, Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair, Executive Committee member and subcommittee member shall be filled in the same manner in which selections are made under Section VI. All vacancies to these positions must be filled within thirty days of the effective date of the vacancy.

## ***VIII. MEETINGS***

A. Task Force meetings shall only be called by the joint action of the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs. Task Force meetings cannot be held any earlier than thirty-five days after being called, unless an emergency situation has been declared pursuant to Section VIII(H), in which case Task Force meetings cannot be held any earlier than ten days after being called. It is recommended that, at least once a year, the Task Forces convene in a common location for a joint Task Force Summit. Executive Committee meetings shall only be called by the joint action of the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs and cannot be held any earlier than three days after being called, unless the Executive Committee waives this requirement by unanimous consent.

B. At least forty-five days prior to a task force meeting any model bill, resolution or policy must be submitted to ALEC staff that will be voted on at the meeting. At least thirty-five days prior to a Task Force meeting, ALEC staff shall distribute copies of any model bill, resolution or policy statement that will be voted on at that meeting. This requirement does not prohibit modification or amendment of a model bill, resolution or policy statement at the meeting. This requirement may be waived if an emergency situation has been declared pursuant to Section VIII(H).

C. All Task Force meetings are open to registered attendees and invited guests of ALEC meetings and conferences. Only regular Task Force Members may introduce any resolution, policy statement or model bill. Only Task Force members will be allowed to participate in the Task Force meeting discussions and be seated at the table during Task Force meetings, unless otherwise permitted by the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs.

D. ALEC private sector member organizations may only be represented at Task Force and Executive Committee meetings by the individual addressed in the appointment letter sent pursuant to Section VI(D) or a designee of the private sector member. If someone other than the individual addressed in the appointment letter is designated to represent the private sector member, the designation must be submitted in writing to the Public and Private Sector Task Force Co-Chairs before the meeting, and the individual cannot represent any other private sector member at the meeting.

- E. All Task Force and Executive Committee meetings shall be conducted under the guidelines of Roberts Rules of Order, except as otherwise provided in these Operating Procedures. A copy of the Task Force Operating Procedures shall be included in the briefing packages sent to the Task Force members prior to each meeting.
- F. A majority vote of legislative members present and voting and a majority vote of the private sector members present and voting, polled separately, are required to approve any motion offered at a Task Force or Executive Committee meeting. A vote on a motion to reconsider would be only with the sector that made the motion. Members have the right, in a voice vote, to abstain and to vote present by roll-call vote. In all votes a member can change their vote up until the time that the result of the vote is announced. Only duly appointed members or their designee as stated in Section VIII (D) that are present at the meeting may vote on each motion. No proxy, absentee or advance voting is allowed.
- G. The Public Sector Task Force Co-Chair and the Private Sector Task Force Co-Chair, with the concurrence of a majority of the Executive Committee, polled in accordance with Section VIII (F), may schedule a Task Force vote by mail or ~~fax~~ any form of electronic communication on any action pertaining to policy statements, model legislation or educational activity. The deadline for the receipt of votes can be no earlier than thirty-five days after notification of the vote is mailed or ~~faxed~~ notified by any form of electronic communication, unless an emergency situation is declared pursuant to Section VIII (H), in which case the deadline can be no earlier than ten days after notification is mailed or ~~faxed~~ notified by any form of electronic communication. Such votes are exempt from all rules in Section VIII, except: (1) the requirement that copies of model legislation and policy statements be mailed or ~~faxed~~ notified by any form of electronic communication with the notification of the vote and (2) the requirement that a majority of legislative members voting and a majority of the private sector members voting, polled separately, is required to approve any action by a Task Force.
- H. For purposes of Sections VIII(A), (B) and (G), an emergency situation can be declared by:
  - (1) Unanimous vote of all members of the Task Force Executive Committee present at an Executive Committee meeting prior to the meeting at which the Task Force votes on the model bill, resolution or policy statement; or
  - (2) At least three-fourth majority vote of the legislative and private sector Task Force members (voting in accordance with Section VIII (F)) present at the meeting at which the members vote on the model bill, resolution or policy statement.

- I. Ten Task Force members shall constitute a quorum for a Task Force meeting. One-half of the legislative and one-half of the private sector members of an Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for an Executive Committee meeting.

## **IX. *REVIEW AND ADOPTION PROCEDURES***

- A. All Task Force policy statements, model bills or resolutions shall become ALEC policy either: (1) upon adoption by the Task Force and affirmation by the Board of Directors or (2) thirty days after adoption by the Task Force if no member of the Board of Directors requests, within those thirty days, a formal review by the Board of Directors. General information about the adoption of a policy position may be announced upon adoption by the Task Force.
- B. The Executive Director shall notify the Board of Directors of the approval by a Task Force of any policy statement, model bill or resolution within ten days of such approval. Members of the Board of Directors shall have thirty days from the date of Task Force approval to review any new policy statement, model bill or resolution prior to adoption as official ALEC policy. Within those thirty days, any member of the Board of Directors may request that the policy be formally reviewed by the Board of Directors before the policy is adopted as official ALEC policy.
- C. A member of the Board of Directors may request a formal review by the Board of Directors. The request must be in writing and must state the cause for such action and a copy of the letter requesting the review shall be sent by the National Chairman to the appropriate Task Force Chair. The National Chairman shall schedule a formal review by the Board of Directors no later than the next scheduled Board of Directors meeting.
- D. The review process will consist of key members of the Task Force, appointed by the Task Force Chair, providing the support for and opposition to the Task Force position. Position papers may be faxed or otherwise quickly transmitted to the members of the Board of Directors. The following is the review and adoption procedures:
  - Notification of Committee: Staff will notify Task Force Chairs and the entire task force when the Board requests to review one of the Task Forces' model bills or resolutions.
  - Staff Analysis: Will be prepared in a neutral fashion. The analyses will include:
    - History of Task Force action
    - Previous ALEC official action/resolutions
    - Issue before the board
    - Proponents arguments

- Opponents arguments
- Standardized Review Format: To ensure fairness, a set procedure will be used as the format to ensure the model bill/resolution has a fair hearing before the Board.
  - Task Force Chair(s) will be invited to attend the Board Review
  - Task Force Chair(s) will decide who will present in support and in opposition for the model bill/resolution before the Board.
  - Twenty minutes that is equally divided will be given for both sides to present before the Board.
  - It is suggested that the Board not take more than twenty minutes to ask questions of the presenters.
  - Presenters will then be excused and the Board will have a suggested twenty more minutes for discussion and vote.
  - All votes will be recorded for the official record.
- Notification of Committee: The Director of Policy will notify presenters immediately after the vote. If the Board votes to send the model bill/resolution back to the task force, the Board will instruct the Director of Policy or another board member what to communicate.

E. The Board of Directors can:

- (1) Vote to affirm the policy or affirm the policy by taking no action, or
- (2) Vote to disapprove the policy, or
- (3) Vote to return the policy to the Task Force for further consideration providing reasons therefore.

F. Task Forces may only undertake educational activities that are based on a policy statement, model bill or resolution that has been adopted as official ALEC policy, unless the Task Force votes to undertake the educational activity, in which case the educational activity is subjected to the same review process outlined in this Section. It is the responsibility of the Task Force Executive Committee to affirm by three-fourths majority vote conducted in accordance with Section VIII that an educational activity conforms to a policy statement, model bill or resolution.

**X. EXCEPTIONS TO THE TASK FORCE OPERATING PROCEDURES.**

Exceptions to these Task Force Operating Procedures must be approved by the Board of Directors.